

## Pruning Apple Trees

This Is An Excellent Time of the Year to Clean Up the Orchard

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Next to spraying, thorough annual pruning is probably the most indispensable part of the care of the orchard. Pruning benefits the trees in a great many ways, the most important of which are:

1. It keeps out disease.
2. Regulates the vigor of the tree.
3. Regulates size.
4. Regulates shape.
5. Helps to regulate the bearing habit.

### Pruning to Keep Out Disease.

A close inspection of trees in any unpruned orchard as much as fifteen or twenty years old will show a great many limbs infected with the various forms of apple canker—sunken or rough dead places in the bark and outer wood. The limb may be entirely killed by this canker. The amount of canker injury may be influenced in two ways by pruning. First, a tree thoroughly pruned is not so liable to be infected with canker, for the reason that the canker gets in through wounds made by limbs rubbing together and made on limbs picking fruit. In each case these conditions are more likely to prevail on unpruned than on well pruned trees. Second, so far as my experience goes, I have uniformly observed more canker on dense trees than on trees kept open enough to admit the sunlight to any wounds that may be on the bark. Infection is controlled by cutting out all small limbs infected with canker and by cutting out the dead portions of the large limbs, cutting into healthy wood and painting the limbs.

### Pruning to Regulate Vigor.

In sections of the state, trees that were standing still, making a very poor, weak growth, were thrown into a healthy, stock growth by severe

injury because there are more limbs than on an open head tree.

With a central leader form of tree where the leader is permitted to grow throughout the life of the tree the methods of care become quite expensive. There is a tendency for it to form forks at the top of the tree and if these are not corrected there will be a splitting of the top in years of heavy yield. With trees on poor soil this is of little importance. However, in well kept orchards on good soil when the leader reaches a height of about twelve feet it should be kept cut back. If kept in this way it is probably as desirable as the open head, and with some varieties more so.

In pruning a tree for the open head, at the time it is set out, five limbs at the most, started from the main stem, are all that are desirable. In shaping a tree to secure the central leader, the limbs should be spaced so that each limb will have room to spread where it joins the main trunk; so that it will not be crowded by others and have a weak union with the trunk.

### Pruning to Regulate Bearing Habit.

With varieties like the Ingram, as the tree grows older it tends to bear blossoms on the end of every spur one year, and to set a very light bloom the year following. This habit is called alternating. With most varieties this does not begin until the tree is rather old. For the first four or five years of its fruiting life it will bear annual crops of medium size, while later it will bear alternately a heavy crop and no crop at all. If the fruit kills the one crop, there are at least two successive failures. For this and for other reasons, it is more desirable to have a crop of medium size every year than a large crop every other year.

The ideal condition, then, is to keep the tree in a state of vigor equal to that of the tree that has been bearing three or four years, and has not come into the habit of alternating. The most desirable method of doing this is by pruning just severely enough to keep the tree in the condition of growth of the young tree. If this kind of pruning is practiced, it will probably be a simple matter to keep the tree from ever starting the alternating habit.

### Pruning to Renovate an Old Orchard.

In Missouri there are unquestionably many old orchards that in the right hands could be worked over into profitable bearing. No one should take hold of an old orchard, however, if he does not expect to spray, and wait a year or two, and sometimes several, for returns. Unless at least sixty per cent of the trees are in good condition and ten or fifteen per cent more can be brought into good condition, it will probably be undesirable to attempt making the old orchard profitable. The cultivation, etc., of the spaces where the trees are missing will be as expensive as if the trees were there, and the same is true of interest on the land, etc.

In working over the old orchard the trees that are hopelessly weak and injured should be cut out. All dead portions in all trees should be removed. The cankered areas should be cut from all limbs and the wounds pointed. The trees will usually have too many limbs and some of these should be cut out, so that spraying and other processes of care can be more conveniently done.

### Pruning to Regulate Size of Tree.

Cutting away a considerable amount of the tree each year, whether cutting from the ends of the twigs or cutting away large limbs, is a dwarfing process, under average conditions, whether the pruning is done in winter or summer. This matter has been carefully tested by experiment stations for years, and uniformly those trees that received a large amount of pruning for twelve or fifteen years are smaller than those that received little pruning. We have had occasion to observe this in the Missouri Experiment Station orchard and in other orchards of the state. However, there are exceptions to this rule. Thus, in very poor soils or in the case of trees on sod, they may become barked, and in this case a tree that is severely pruned may at the end of the year be larger than a tree that was unpruned. That is, in a poor soil the tree annually pruned is likely to be larger than the one receiving no pruning.

In some cases it is desirable to dwarf a tree—to keep down its size—especially if the trees were set close together. Trees twenty-five feet apart that are kept down in size by pruning are more desirable than larger trees thirty or thirty-five feet apart, since spraying, pruning and picking may be more cheaply done.

### Pruning to Regulate Form.

Whether the open head is more desirable than the tree with a central leader, there is a considerable difference of opinion among orchardists. The advantages of the open head are that all the fruits receive sufficient sunlight; that there is more fruiting wood for the same size tree; and that pruning, picking, and spraying can be done cheaper. The tree with the central leader is harder to cover in all these processes.

The advantages of the central leader are that the tree is less liable to break with a load of fruit; there is little chance for a limb to split down at the body of the tree; and if any limbs are broken, it is a less serious

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### They Presented Arms.

Two very charming young ladies were chatting in a tramcar the other evening.

"So you've been down to the camp?" said one.

"Yes, and it's splendid down there."

"Did the soldiers have their arms with them?"

"Of course they did. You don't suppose they would leave them at home, do you?"

"I shouldn't like to be there when they were firing. I hate firing."

"Why, silly, they don't fire."

"Don't they? What do they do with their arms, then?"

"Why, they put them round you, of course, and it's ever so nice."

### A CLERGYMAN'S TESTIMONY.

The Rev. Edmund Heslop of Wigan, Pa., suffered from dropsy for a year. His limbs and feet were swollen and puffed. He had heart fluttering, was dizzy and exhausted at the least exertion. Hands and feet were cold and he had such a dragging sensation across the loins that it was difficult to move.

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### Old Landmark Gone.

The Blaine schoolhouse in Mars Hill up on the hill, the one James G. Blaine honored years ago by giving a bell, which still hangs in the belfry, is no more. It has been converted into a storehouse and moved to another site. A good many bright boys and girls, now old men and women, graduated from the historic building, and no doubt there is a feeling of sorrow as the old schoolhouse leaves the foundation it was built upon years and years ago.—Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

### Opera in the Boxes.

"What was the story of the opera?"  
"What I heard ran about like this: In the first act I learned that Mrs. Wallaby, the society leader, is about to sue her husband for divorce. In the second act I learned that Miss Lotta Plunkins smuggled in that famous pearl necklace, and in the third I heard that Mr. Gerald Piffle is rapidly drinking himself to death."

### He Answered Truly.

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### End of a Noted Folly.

The monocle has long since been out of fashion in England, and is soon to disappear from Paris, which has been its last stronghold. It was invented by a Dutch dandy, and its evil effects upon the eye were at once noted by oculists. The monocle first appeared at the congress of Vienna in 1814, when it was worn by its inventor. One folly, at least, has had only about a century of life.

### Retort Discourteous.

Stranger (looking at the taximeter)—Nine dollars and fifty cents! I told you I wanted to come the most direct way, and I think you've been driving me round about.

Cabby—Round about, eh? You ought to have hired an aeroplane.—Judge.

### His Successor.

"I suppose you expect your son to step into your shoes when you retire?"  
"No. I hardly expect that; but he has already taken my seat in the front row."

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"After that he hit me in this year and then in the other one; and stomped on me while I was down. When I got up and began to run he followed, kicking me every yuther step."

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"It would seem a flagrantly clear case," said the magistrate, adding to the burglar, who had been haled before him. "What have you to say for yourself?"

"Not much, your honor. But I hope you can give me a short sentence. This is my busy season."—Judge.

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